

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

P.S - Irrigation & CAD Department – Alleged Irregularities/lapses committed in Tender finalization in the works relating to construction of Barrage across Ponnal river near Kalavagunta (V) in Penumur (M) Chittoor Dist. for drinking water supply to Chittoor town stage –II – Issue of false experience certificate to the contractors – Disciplinary proceedings under rule 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive engineer – Inquiry conducted – Charges held proved - Imposition of a penalty of withholding of all pensionary benefits – Orders - issued.

IRRIGATION & CAD (SER.VII.(V&E)A.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1564

Dated: 22-09-2009
READ the following:

- Ref: 1. Director General (Vig. & Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt.
G.A.D. Report No.103(646/V&E.E1/2003),DT. 08.09.2003
2. G.O. Rt. No.82, I&CAD(CAD.Ser.II-1)Dept. dt. 23.01.2004.
3. From Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, EE, WSSD Dt.13-4-2004
4. G.O. Rt. No.1424, I&CAD(SerVII.(V&E-1) Dept. dt.
26-10-2006
5. From Sri Janak Raj, IPS(Retd.), COI D.O Lr. No.
428/COI,JR/2006, Dt.27-1-2007.
6. Govt. Memo No.117562/Ser.VII.(V&E)A.1/2004-16,
Dt.14-5-2007.
7. From Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy,EE, Expelt.Dt.2-7-2007.
8. Govt. Memo No.117562/Ser.VII.(V&E)A.1/2004-21,
Dt.13-08-2008.
9. From Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy,EE, Rept.Dt.20-9-2008.
10. Govt. Lr. No. 117562/Ser.VII.(V&E)A.1/2003- 24, Dt.
20-06-2009.
11. From the Secretary, APPSC Lr.No. 828/RT-I/1/2009, Dt.
25-07-2009.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, it has been brought the notice of Government that certain Engineers of I&CAD Department have committed Irregularities/lapses committed in Tender in the works relating to construction of Barrage across Ponnal river near Kalavagunta (V) in Penumur (M) Chittoor Dist. intended for drinking water supply to Chittoor town stage –II and recommended to initiate suitable departmental action against the officers responsible for the lapses pointed out.

2. The matter has been examined in detail and in the reference 2nd read above, disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer , under rule 20 of APCS(CCA)Rules 1991 by framing article of charges.

3. In the references 3rd read above, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defense denying the charges framed against him.

4. After examination of the WSSD of the Accused Officer Government have considered to place the matter before the Commissionerate of Inquiries to conduct enquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer.

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5. Accordingly in the reference 4th read above, Sri Janak Raj, IPS(Retd.), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department has been appointed as Inquiring Authority for conducting enquiry into the charges against the charged officer.

6. In the reference 5th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted his enquiry report and in his findings the Inquiring Authority held the charges framed against the delinquent officer as proved.

7. In the reference 6th read above, a copy of the enquiry report has been communicated to Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer(Retd.) to submit his representation on the findings of the Inquiring Authority.

8. In the reference 7th read above, Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer(Retd.) has submitted his representation and requested to drop further action against him.

9. After careful examination of the entire issue, it has provisionally been decided to impose a penalty of withholding of all pensionary benefits against Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer (Retd.).

10. Accordingly in the reference 8th read above, a show cause notice has been issued to Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer(Retd.). In the reference 9th read above Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer(Retd.) has submitted his representation. After examination of the same it has been decided to impose a penalty of withholding of all pensionary benefits against Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer(Retd.) since there are no new grounds in his representation.

10. Accordingly, in the reference 10th read above the Secretary, APPSC has been requested to place the above proposal of the Government before the commission and to communicate the concurrence of the commission on the provisional decision of the Government.

11. In the reference 11th read above, the Secretary, APPSC has stated that after careful examination of the disciplinary case in the light of the records made available, the Commission opined that the proposed punishment of withholding of all pensionary benefits against Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer is too harsh and high and advised to impose a punishment of 25% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years, against Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer(Retd.).

12. Government, after careful examination of the entire issue, have the opinion that Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, the then Executive Engineer issued an experience certificate to the contractor on 18-3-2003 for the value of work which was not executed, measured and paid on that date, exhibiting lack of integrity in discharging his official duties. In view of the above Govt. hereby order to impose a penalty of withholding of all pensionary benefits against Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer(Retd.), for the Irregularities/lapses committed by him in tender finalization, in the works relating to construction of Barrage across Ponnal river near Kalavagunta (V) in Penumur (M) Chittoor Dist. intended for drinking water supply to Chittoor town stage –II.

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13. The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), I&CAD Department, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**S.P. TUCKER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Sri T. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer(Retd.) (**Through**) Engineer-in-Chief(AW) , I&CAD Department, Hyderabad .
The Engineer-in-Chief(AW) , I&CAD Department, Hyderabad
The I&CAD (Ser.I) Department.

Copy to:

The General Administration (V&E) Department.
The Secretary to VC, A.P VC, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad.
The Secretary to Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
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//FORWARDED : BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER